

AFAFD Standard Operating Procedure 1

Personal Protective Equipment

- PPE includes the firefighter coat, pants, SCBA, helmet, nomex hood, gloves and boots.
- When arriving at the scene of an emergency, the appropriate level of PPE shall be worn.
- **Any emergency where smoke, flame or suspected hazardous materials are involved, full PPE, including SCBA will be donned.** Doffing instructions will come from the Crew Chief and/or COMMAND, as the situation dictates.
- Members riding in a mask position, i.e., crew chief and handlineman, will initially have SCBA and mask in a ready position upon arrival at the scene or as soon as possible after arrival if conditions do not permit donning while enroute.
- Drivers will, as a minimum, wear their coat, helmet, gloves and safety-toed boots.
- The use of earflaps on helmets is optional when the nomex hood is worn.
- Chinstraps on helmets will be worn snug.
- **Face shields will be down when raising or lowering ladders, using equipment, operating power saws, or performing interior overhaul work that creates airborne hazards.**
- **Air pressure in SCBA will not be less than 4000 PSI at time of entry into any hazardous atmosphere.**
- All mask straps will be fastened when wearing SCBA, and all face piece and head harness straps will be worn *under* the nomex hood.
- SCBA will not be removed during overhaul phases of interior operations due to the accumulation of carbon monoxide and other fire gases after extinguishment. A Carbon Monoxide Detector shall be used to monitor the atmosphere for this purpose.
- **PASS devices will be armed prior to entry into any hazardous area.**